

YALSA Board of Directors Meeting
ALA Midwinter Meeting, Atlanta
January 20 - 24, 2017

Topic: JRLYA Editor Midwinter Report

Background: Denise Agosto, the Member Editor of *JRLYA*, has provided the Board with a semi-annual report. As editor, Denise works closely with the *JRLYA* Advisory Board. The journal is YALSA's peer-reviewed, open source research journal that launched in November 2010 as part of the Board's strategy for promoting research that supports YALSA's Research Agenda.

Action Required: Consent

Updates

1. Manuscript Submissions and Solicitation Efforts

During the six-month period reported here, *JRLYA* published one issue. Volume 7, issue 3, was published in December of 2016. It included four research papers sent in via open submission and subjected to peer review. The acceptance rate for submissions for this six-month period averaged 57% acceptance and 43% rejection, which is roughly what it has been over the past three years and is appropriate for this type of research journal.

During this period I continued to write posts for the YALSA blog to publicize each new issue as it was published. Hopefully the blog posts are encouraging more YALSA members to read the journal, as receipt of a sufficient number of acceptable submissions has been a struggle since the creation of the journal.

2. Current Issues/Difficulties

As explained above, we continue to struggle to receive enough high quality submissions to publish more than one issue per year. We are currently working on a special themed issue on the theme of social justice, teens, and library services. The call for papers was circulated for a period of four months, during which time we received only two submissions. We have extended the call with a new submissions due date of February 15 in the hopes of receiving more submissions.

Additional Resources

JRLYA website, <http://yalsa.ala.org/jrlya>